Alwaye Swarajya Pharmacy.

62. ❋ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the authorities of the Ayurveda Department have received any applications for grant-in-aid to the Ayurvedic Hospital conducted by the Alwaye Swarajya Pharmacy;

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken in the matter; and

(*c*) the stage at which the matter stands?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes; the Government have received an application.

(*b*) and (*c*). It is being considered by Government.

Panchayat in Agastisvaram Taluk.

63. ❋ **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is a proposal to establish a Panchayat in Agastisvaram Taluk in 1113; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, the name of the *Kara* or *Karas* that lie contiguous to each other to be a village, for the purpose of the Village Panchayat Regulation, VII of 1100?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) Kakamur, Kurichi, Kalkatucheri, Kakadoor, Suchindram and Asramam.

Reduction of railway fare.

64. ❋ **MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) why special reduced third class passenger fare has been introduced between Trivandrum and Punalur; and

(*b*) whether they have considered the advisability of introducing similar reduced fare between Trivandrum and Shencotta?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The special reduced rail fare was introduced by the Railway Administration to combat motor bus competition local to the Section.

(*b*) Yes; it would then cease to be local and tend to become a general reduction in 3rd class fares and lead to similar requests from other Sections as well. The Railway Administration does not consider it necessary to introduce any change in the existing fares from Trivandrum to Shencotta.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: With reference to part (b) of the answer, may I know why it is presumed that if the railway rates are reduced between Trivandrum and Shencotta, it would then cease to be local to the Section?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR: That is the view of the Railway Administration.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Then, may I know the view of the Travancore Government?

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RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR : The Government have no voice in this matter.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR : May I know the function of the Government in this matter ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR : Levying of fares and the revenue administration are left to the railway administration under the agreement with the Secretary of State for the working of the Railways.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR : With reference to part (a) may I know why the special reduced third class fare was introduced in the section between Trivandrum and Punalur ?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR : That is the view of the Railway administration. They have not extended that concession to other sections.

Appointment of Mr. G. S. Kymal

65. ✻ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether one Mr. G. S. Kymal, B. A., B. Sc., (Benares) has been appointed in the Electrical Department ;

(*b*) if so, when the appointment was made ;

(*c*) whether the advice of the Public Service Commissioner was taken in respect of that appointment ; and

(*d*) if so, whether that advice was accepted and, if not, the reason for the same ?

MR. K. PARAMESVARA PANICKAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 14-8-1936.

(*c*) No. The appointment was sanctioned by Government before the Public Service Commissioner began to function.

(*d*) In view of answer to part (*c*) this does not arise.

Fees from applicants for appointments in the Public Service.

66. ✻**MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL** (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state what amount has been realised till now by the Government by way of fees from applicants for appointments in the Public Service ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : So far as can be ascertained at present, the sum is Rs. 24,146-19 Chs. 4 C.

Recruitment of ladies in Public Service.

67. ✻**MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any direction to the Public Service Commissioner in the matter of recruitment of ladies in Public Service ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI : No. Schedule I of the Public Service Recruitment Rules contains the necessary provisions as to the recruitment of women.

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